

## CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of preparing a composition for use as a road base comprising the steps of:  
obtaining and isolating a quantity of oil and gas waste material from a first site;  
obtaining a quantity of aggregate from a second site;  
transporting as isolated said quantity of oil and gas waste material from said first site to a third site;  
transporting said quantity of aggregate from said second site to said third site;  
receiving and storing above ground, in isolation from the ground at the third site, the oil and gas waste material;  
storing said quantity of aggregate at said third site separate and apart from said oil and gas waste material;  
storing said oil and gas waste material at said third site separate and apart from said quantity of aggregate;  
forming an oil/aggregate mix by combining a portion of said quantity of oil and gas waste material with a portion of said quantity of aggregate said forming accomplished without contamination of the ground of the third site;  
adding a binder to said oil/aggregate mix;  
mixing said binder and stabilizer with said oil/aggregate mix to create a quantity of said road base; and,  
sampling both before the storing step and after the mixing step testing the material for compliance with a preselected physical and chemical profile.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said mixing and curing step is selected to bind preselected chemicals from said oil and gas waste so that said chemicals create substantially no leachate from said quantity of roadbase material.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further including identifying by number a stored quality of oil and gas waste material by source, tracking said quality through, at least testing step and archiving such results.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said transportation of oil and gas waste is done by boat.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said transportation of oil and gas waste is done by truck.
6. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the receiving, storing, forming, adding, mixing, sampling and storing steps are performed at a site underlain by an impervious man-made layer.
7. (Canceled)
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9. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the receiving, storing, forming, adding, mixing, sampling and storing steps are performed within an area defined by an impervious berm.
10. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein the receiving, storing, forming, adding, mixing, sampling and storing steps are performed within an area defined by an impervious berm is concrete.